

## **INTERNET SAFETY AND ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY**

The mission of McMillan Memorial Library is to enrich individuals, families, and the community by offering intellectual stimulation, information, and enjoyment by providing materials in a wide range of formats including free basic access to electronic resources via the Internet.

The Library's Internet homepage offers links to Internet sites of current and ongoing interest. In addition the Library offers a children's homepage providing easy access to Internet sites that are appealing, age appropriate, and traditionally known to be reputable. Information links on the Internet change rapidly and unpredictably, so sites may become unavailable without notice. Because not all sources on the Internet provide accurate, complete, or current information, library users are advised to use information from the Internet at their own risk. The Library does not warrant or guarantee the reliability or truthfulness of information obtained from the Internet. The Library shall have no liability for direct, indirect, or consequential damages related to use of information accessed via the Internet from Library equipment.

The Internet is an unregulated and rapidly changing medium; it is possible to intentionally or inadvertently find material that is offensive or disturbing to some users. Selected public computers are equipped with software that is designed to block access to sites that contain visual depictions and/or information that may reasonably be construed to be obscene, child pornography or materials "harmful to minors" as currently defined by law. Other Library computers are unfiltered as required by law. On either filtered or unfiltered public computers, users may encounter sites they find personally offensive. For this reason, library users must assume responsibility for their own use of the Internet. Parents who are concerned about the contents of the Internet are strongly advised to closely supervise their children's use of this service or to ask the Library to restrict their child to filtered access to the Internet. Parents may request that their children be denied all access to the Internet at the Library. The Library will enforce the wishes of parents regarding Internet access for minor children below the age of 17.

### **Acceptable Use Rules:**

1. Users shall observe all Federal, state, and municipal laws and regulations.
2. Users shall observe all policies and procedures of the South Central Library System, LINK, and McMillan Memorial Library regarding this service.
3. The Library reserves the right to terminate a user's session without notice and to limit the amount of time at any one sitting.
4. Internet computers shall not be used for illegal activities, to access illegal materials, or to access materials that may be reasonably construed to be obscene. Transmitting and/or receiving of obscene materials and/or child pornography is a crime.
5. Minors, whether or not accompanied by a parent or guardian, shall not use computers for any illegal activity or to access illegal materials, child pornography, obscene materials, or materials "harmful to minors" as defined by Sec. 948.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
6. Adults shall not expose children to materials defined as "harmful to minors" by Sec. 948.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

7. Installation, downloading, and modification of software are prohibited. Users shall not make any attempt to gain access to restricted computer files or networks or to damage or modify computer equipment or software. Users shall respect all copyright laws and licensing agreements.
8. Users shall respect the privacy of other users and shall refrain from attempting to view or read material being used by others.
9. Users should exercise extreme caution about revealing any personal identification information (such as name, address, telephone number, email, social security number, age, or credit card number.) Minors should NEVER disclose any personal identification information over the Internet. Information sent via the Internet at the Library is not necessarily secure and public library computers are neither private nor secure.
10. Parents and/or guardians are responsible for monitoring the use of email and chat rooms by their minor children.

Misuse of the Library's computers or any violation of the above rules may result in the loss of computer privileges, loss of library privileges, and/or criminal prosecution.

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